

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
October 11, 2007
Minutes

Attendees: William Simpson, Chair, Mary Feathers, Vice Chair, Christopher Kueffner, Secretary, Gary Bent, Dudley Hamlin, Martha Kelly, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa, Katherine Paulhus, Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin,

Absent:

- I. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mr. Simpson, Chair.
- II. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Ms. Lin to approve the minutes of the 9-7-07 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- III. Hearing for Visitors – None
- IV. Communications – The Board received a letter from Goens/Esparo, LLC introducing their search company.
- V. Addition to Present Agenda – None.
- VI. Committee Reports – Mr. Simpson updated the Board on the progress of the Building Committee. Ms Feathers asked for an Executive Session to discuss negotiations.
- VII. Report of the Superintendent
 - A. **School Playscapes** – Dr. Palmer discussed the addition to the Vinton playscape and Dr. Schimmel discussed plans for the Goodwin playscape.
 - B. **Budget Transfers** – **MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Dr. Patwa to approve the budget transfers for the 2006-2007 school year. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
 - C. **June 30, 2007 Financial Statements** – **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Dr. Bent to accept the fourth quarter financial report for the period ending June 30, 2007. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
 - D. **MMS Exchange Program** – Mr. Cryan discussed the possibility of a group of Mansfield Middle School students participating in a Chinese Exchange Trip with other school districts. The Board encouraged Mr. Cryan to continue pursuing the possibility of this exchange and report on his findings.
 - E. **October 1 Enrollment/Class Size Report** – The principals reported that there was no major change in enrollment or class size since the opening of school.
 - F. **Redistricting Options** – Several strategies were discussed to better balance school enrollment throughout the district and the administrators were asked to bring forward more detail for discussion at a subsequent Board meeting.
 - G. **Measuring Progress on MBOE Goals** – Mr. Baruzzi and the principals discussed plans for measuring and reporting progress on Goals I and II.
 - H. **Extension of MBOE Goals** – **MOTION** by Dudley Hamlin, seconded by Mr. Kueffner, to extend the goals for one year through 2008/2009 was tabled.

- VIII.** Hearing for Visitors – Barbara Hunter, Mansfield Education Association Co-President announced that the MEA had ratified the 2008-2011 contract and looked forward to working with the Board.
- IX.** Suggestions for Future Agenda – Dr. Bent and Mr. Kueffner asked that Energy Conservation be discussed at a future meeting.
- X.** Executive Session – Negotiations and security items
- XI.** **MOTION** by Ms. Feathers, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to go into executive session at 10:30p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
MOTION by Dr. Bent, seconded by Dr. Patwa to return to open session at 11:17 p.m.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor
- XII.** **MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Ms Lin to ratify the 2008-2011 Mansfield Education Association contract. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- XIII.** Superintendent Search Committee: Discussion led by Mr. Simpson.
- XIV.** Adjournment - **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Ms Lin to adjourn at 11:41 a.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk